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**COL. J. T. JOHNSON** started plowing with his new farm tractor this week, and reports that it delivers the goods all right. The modern farm tractor promises to revolutionize the farming industry throughout the country.

IN the proper column of the daily and weekly Ledger will be found the announcement of C. C. Bledsoe, candidate for re-election to the office of County Judge of the Western District, subject to the August Democratic primary.

**HAMILTON** Brothers, located south of Mexico, are doing a splendid business this year, and up to date have sold fifty one jacks which have come to all parts of this country. During 1915 this firm sold sixty-eight jacks, and the prospect for this year would indicate that 1916 will beat the record. Hamilton Brothers are reliable stockmen, and have a large acquaintance and a fine patronage throughout the country.

**J. R. JESSE** has recovered his son's bicycle, stolen from in front of the Baptist Church Monday night. On Wednesday morning Mr. Jesse noticed a couple of boys using a bicycle which they had attempted to disguise by repainting it. There have been several complaints regarding bicycles being stolen in Mexico, and if this practice is continued arrests will be made and prosecutions will follow.

REFERRING to the agitation taking place in Moberly in the direction of law enforcement, the Index of that city editorially says: "We have heard many comments on the proposition of cleaning out the gambling houses, the prostitution and the unlawful pool halls, and with the exception of those directly interested in the proceeds of these inequities, the universal opinion seems to be that they should go, that they are not desirable institutions for this or any other community; that they do not make good advertising copy to extol our community advantages to the world. It has been intimated that there are certain ones of the community who believe that the laws of the state of Missouri and the ordinances of the City of Moberly should be forgotten insofar as they relate to gambling, prostitution and kindred evils. "For the benefit of those who have eyes see not, and having ears hear not, we would suggest that each and every citizen of Moberly and Randolph county who is in favor of the elimination of the useless institutions of this community known as gambling houses, bawdy houses and unlawful pool halls talk out loud for a day or two and watch the results. "If all the darkness in the world was gathered into a room and a single electric light switched on—the darkness would disappear."

**J. W. Kelso Dead.**  
J. W. Kelso, father of I. R. Kelso, formerly of this city, and a cousin of F. P. Kelso, well known in Audrain and Callaway counties, died at his home in Springfield, Mo., Tuesday, April 25. Mr. Kelso was about seventy years of age, and leaves a wife and a large family of children. Funeral services will be held at Springfield Thursday.

**New Suits.**  
W. L. Fowles has filed suit against the American Multigraph Sales Co., for \$600 damages. He charges them with removing a machine which he had paid that much on.

**Carl Willis** has filed suit against Genie Willis for divorce, charging desertion.

A negro "bootlegger" named Abington was fined \$200 in Justice Hooten's court Monday. He was arrested by Sheriff J. W. Barnett.

## ATTEMPTED ROBBERY OF SAVINGS BANK FAILS

**Masked Robber Enters Rear Door of Bank and Fires at Joel Guthrie Narrowly Missing Him**

**HARRY MCINTOSH BEING SOUGHT BY POLICE**

**Youth, Who is Thought to be Suffering With Mental Trouble, Identified at Scene**

At the time of going to press Harry McIntosh, wanted for the attempted hold-up of the Mexico Savings Bank at noon Wednesday, had not been arrested. McIntosh is thought to be suffering from mental trouble by members of his family. He is reported to have passed through Francis and the officers are seeking him near Littleby Station.

Firing within six inches of Joel Guthrie's head and forcing Guthrie to precede him into the front room of the Mexico Savings Bank about one o'clock Wednesday afternoon, a masked robber lost his nerve and fled when the bank funds were within two feet of him.

Mr. Guthrie, who is learning book-keeping in the rear room of the bank. Suddenly his attention was attracted by someone entering and when he looked up it was to gaze down the barrel of a 38 caliber revolver held in the hand of a short man, wearing a blue and white mask. Before Mr. Guthrie could speak the intruder fired the bullet passing within four inches of his head.

He ordered Mr. Guthrie to precede him into the rear room of the bank where the funds of the bank were spread upon the counter to facilitate business.

Walker Burns and Sam Sharp were also in the enclosure. Mr. Burns ran through the front entrance toward the street to give the alarm and when the robber was within two feet of the money and holding Mr. Jesse at bay with his gun, he seemed to lose his nerve and turned and fled. J. M. Jones of Thompson and Major Hathorn of M. M. A. were in the bank at the time.

Harry Stocks, whose office is at the head of the rear stairway, entered the building without any knowledge of the attempted holdup. When he reached the door of his office he saw a boy standing there with a revolver in his hand. He stopped and asked the youth what he was doing but received no reply. The boy turned and walked away. Mr. Stocks entered his office and then saw the boy start down the rear stairway. When he was at this point Mr. Sharp emerged from the rear door of the bank and recognized him as Harry McIntosh. When Mr. Sharp spoke he turned and fled up the stairs.

Prosecuting Attorney A. C. Whitson ran to the second story of the building up the front stairway which is between Craddock's and Williams & Brown's stores. He met Harry McIntosh, the nineteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. McIntosh of this city, there. He looked frightened and when he saw Mr. Whitson turned and ran in the opposite direction. A mask was found in front of Dr. Pasquett's office shortly afterward.

Mr. Whitson thought the boy had seen the robber and was frightened so continued to search further. Mr. Sharp said he recognized McIntosh as the hold-up man when he took off his mask as he climbed the stairway in escaping. Mr. McIntosh has been a telegraph operator. He

has been working in Warrenton but has been home on a visit for some time.

All of the banks are especially careful to see that at least two persons are on guard during the noon hour just for such contingencies as this and carry insurance again robbers. McIntosh is said to have tried to borrow money to get to Kansas City on Tuesday but failed. He is said to have had the revolver on him Saturday night. Chas. Brown Jackson and T. J. Williams met McIntosh walking leisurely out Monroe street as they came from dinner. He was apparently in no hurry to escape.

An old hunting coat, containing a flour sack and a checked cap were found hidden in a corner of the second story of the building after the affair. Joel Guthrie, who was the target for the robber's gun tells his story: "I was taking off my hat and coat when I turned and saw a small masked figure, holding a gun in a rather shaky hand. I thought he was joking and went to the rack and hung my coat and hat up. As I turned about I found he had followed me and was about three feet away pointing the gun at my head. He held the gun pointing at me several seconds before he fired. Not until he shot did I suspect he was in earnest."

**GEORGE MARSHALL ON TEAM**  
Made Westminster Team for Central Wesleyan

**Ledger Special**  
Fulton, April 26.—In the debating try-out held last evening to select the men to represent Westminster in her debate with Central Wesleyan for the inter-collegiate championship, Geo. P. Marshall of Mexico, was one of the men selected. Mr. Marshall and Mr. McCluer will uphold the affirmative side of the question, "Resolved that all cities having a population of 25,000 or over should adopt the commission form of government." A dual debate is being held with Central Wesleyan and the affirmative team in each case remains at home. Westminster has won fourteen of the last sixteen debates in which she has participated, including a defeat of the University of Missouri last year by a unanimous decision of the judges.

**D. A. R.'s Elect Officers**  
The D. A. R.'s at their meeting Monday night elected the following officers:—Regent, Miss Emma McPheters. First Vice-Regent, Mrs. J. W. Miller. Second Vice-Regent, Mrs. S. E. Eller. Historian, Miss Lolla Winans. Registrar, Mrs. P. E. Cell. Corresponding Secretary, Miss Tina Houston. Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. C. Hammond. Treasurer, Mrs. Tina Dobyns. Directors: Mesdames Russell Eddmons, Fred Llewellyn, Jr., J. T. Johnson. Delegates to State Convention in Louisiana, in October, the regent and Mrs. C. C. Hammond. Delegates to national convention at Washington: the regent and Mrs. J. T. Johnson. Alternates: Mrs. Winans and Mrs. Dobyns.

**New Suits Filed.**  
Geo. Jenkins has filed suit against Marie Jenkins for divorce on a charge of desertion. He asks the custody of their child.  
William and Henry Scherrer have filed suit in the Audrain county Circuit Court against the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., for \$500, also six and ten per cent interest. The suit is over an insurance loss.  
Mrs. Emma DeMuth et al has filed suit against Mrs. Sarah E. Wheeler to partition the estate of the late Frank Wheeler.  
**Some New Motors**  
Nulton & Sands have sold the following cars lately: Reuben Keith, Vandalia, Ford; W. A. Paulin, Ford; Guy Mc Cune, Vandalia, Buick; McPheters Bros., Buick; Sipple & Bondurant, Laddonia, Ford; John Burch, Vandalia, Ford; Moss & Son, Vandalia, Ford.  
**Mrs. Harve Inlow Dead**  
Vandalia, Mo.—Mrs. Inlow, wife of Harve Inlow, president of the Exchange Bank and one of the largest stock buyers in this section, is dead.  
J. B. Powell, of Columbia was in this city for a short time Sunday.

## Here Are the Eagerly Waited for MAY STYLES of the "FITRITE" PETTICOATS in Lustrous Taffetas—Richest Colors



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## U. C. T. CONVENTION PLANS INCLUDES MANY FEATURES

Committees Meet Thursday Morning to Arrange First Draft of Program for Sessions.

THE DATE IS JUNE 2 AND 3

Over a Thousand Dollars will be Spent to Make Occasion a Big Success for Travelers.

The committees on entertainments for the United Commercial Travelers annual state meeting in this city June 2 and 3 meet Thursday morning in the office of J. W. Buffington to draft the program for the two days. They have over \$1000 with which to make the visit of the delegates a pleasant one and no expense will be spared to establish this meeting as the greatest ever held by the organization in Missouri.

The Committees on entertainment are as follows: From the Commercial Club—F. A. Morris, W. W. Fry, Jr., T. J. Williams; from the local U. C. T. organization—J. W. Buffington, Charles Carpenter, H. D. Sprout. Mrs. C. C. Hammond has been appointed to act as chairman of a ladies committee the members of which she will designate herself.

One of the features of the state meeting here will be a dance and cabaret given the visitors by the Mexico Elks in their handsome home. A barbeque has also been planned as well as a reception for the ladies at Hardin College. Other interesting features will be announced shortly.

**Dies at Santa Fe.**  
Z. B. Hunt, a prominent citizen of Santa Fe, was buried Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He was an uncle of Mrs. P. A. St. Vrain of this city. Mr. Hunt was a fine man and his death will be heard with regret by many. The Ledger joins in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

**Married Here Wednesday.**  
Orland E. English of Bachelor and Miss Lulu E. Board of Contralia, were married Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. C. A. Mitchell, at his home in this city. The Ledger joins in extending best wishes.

**Mrs. John Sanderson** and children will spend the summer with Mrs. Sanderson's parents, Gov. and Mrs. E. W. Major in Jefferson City.

**Miss Judith Jones Married.**  
Miss Judith Jones of this city, was married Wednesday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. Matt Dunn, near McCredie to Charles Rodgers, a prominent farmer residing near Columbia. Only immediate members of the families were in attendance. The Rev. A. A. Wallace officiated. Mrs. Rodgers is a daughter of the late E. E. Jones, a graduate of McMillan High School and a splendid young woman. Mr. Rodgers owns a splendid Boone county farm. The Ledger joins in wishing them much happiness.

**T. L. Marshall** the popular Chicago & Alton agent in this city, came to Mexico six years ago Wednesday. Mr. Marshall has made many friends while here who hope he will remain six times six years and then some.

**William Kemper Ill.**  
William Kemper suffered a light stroke of paralysis, shortly after noon Monday. His right side was affected and he is at present resting as comfortably as could be expected. This is the second attack of its kind he has had. His many friends join the Ledger in wishing him an early recovery.

**We received a box of gold-bearing ore** from some friend at Gunnison, Colo., this week, but he failed to enclose his name. If our friend will send his name, we will divide the profits after the ore has been mined.

**W. L. Davenport**, local manager of the Morris-Haas Poultry Co., has been quite ill. Mr. Morris of Vandalia, has charge of the business during Mr. Davenport's absence.

**Howard Keith**, Ralph Wayne, Bry-an Wilson and other University boys, who have been home for the Easter holidays, have returned to Columbia.

**CHERRY TREES**—M. B. GUTHRIE CO. dwtl

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## WESTMINSTER BANQUET A DELIGHTFUL AFFAIR

Delicious Menu and Splendid Address Mark Annual Gathering of Local Alumnae.

**PRESIDENT REED ONE SPEAKER**

Dr. J. G. Moore Acted as Toastmaster—College Songs and Cheers Livened the Occasion

The annual Westminster college banquet was held Monday evening in the Presbyterian church. The masculine members of the McMillan Class of 1916 were guests. Prof. E. H. Marques, head of the Latin department of Westminster, was the honoree of the occasion though the principal speaker was President E. E. Reed, of the school. Dr. J. G. Moore of this city acted as toastmaster.

A delicious five course banquet was served by the ladies of the church after which the speaking occurred. Dr. H. B. Barks of this city, a former member of the Westminster faculty, pronounced the invocation. Dr. Reed spoke upon the advantages of the small college and why the "slogan Westminster, the Best in the West".

Among the other speakers who added to the enjoyment of the evening were H. B. Barks, A. P. Green, E. H. Marques, A. A. Wallace, H. H. McGee, George Marshall and Prof. Strunk.

Those present were: George Marshall, R. Shields Moore, John L. Washington, Harry G. Stocks, E. A. Dearing, Mitchell White, John R. Thomas, N. R. Rodes, Ned O. Miller, Lester J. Miller, G. W. Robertson, J. Bryan Atchison, Ryland Rodes, Glenn Squires, Clark Gibbs, Fred Lavender, Sam P. Locke, R. H. Brown, Eric L. Cunningham, F. P. Kelso, W. Foy Dean, H. H. McGee, J. C. Pasquett, A. P. Green, L. H. Strunk, William Felleck, E. E. Reed, J. G. Moore, E. H. Marques, H. B. Barks, A. A. Wallace.

**AN UNUSUAL CELEBRATION**  
Gooseberries that were canned 25 years ago were eaten with silver teaspoons 180 years old, Sunday, at the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frank at their home on south Court street. All of the guests got some of the gooseberries, which were served in the form of sauce, but not all of them had the distinction of eating with the spoons. There were only two of them and the honor went to Mildred Lockridge and Katherine Egerer, the youngest nieces of Mr. and Mrs. Frank—Fulton Sun.

**Surprise Their Friends.**  
Basil Smith, a prominent young stockman residing southwest of this city, and Miss Lolo Mae Spencer, a charming Audrain girl residing near Laddonia, were married in St. Louis, Saturday though the news of the wedding did not become public until Tuesday. Mrs. Smith is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mason Spencer and is a graduate of McMillan High School. She has also attended the University of Missouri. She is a splendid young woman and held in the highest esteem by everyone. Mr. Smith is a young man of fine habits, one of our most progressive farmers and popular with everyone. The Ledger joins in extending best wishes and congratulations.

**Harrison Brown West.**  
Harrison Brown, in charge of the Service department of the Merchants Trade Journal, Des Moines, Ia., left Tuesday for Colorado where he will spend the summer taking the rest cure. Mr. Brown's health became impaired as a result of overwork. His many friends join the Ledger in wishing him a speedy recovery.

**Shannon Bots Injured.**  
W. J. Bots received word Tuesday that his son, Shannon, had the ligaments in one of his knees torn loose while in St. Louis. Mr. Bots telephoned his father he would be home in a few days. The cause of the accident or any further details are not known.

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<b>Children's Union Suits</b> Fine gauge V neck, taped neck and arm holes, drop seat, lace trimmed..... 25c	<b>Boys' Union Suits</b> Ballbrigan mesh, short sleeves, knee length, bound neck, pearl buttons, closedrotch. All sizes at..... 25c
<b>Women's Vests</b> Cummy Cut Vests, fine gauge pure white knit vests taped yoke and arms..... 10c	<b>Men's Shirts, Drawers</b> Poroknit for warm weather ankle length. Extra good quality garment, at..... 25c
<b>Women's Union Suits</b> Low neck, sleeveless full taped, Torchon lace trimmed bottom. Each..... 25c	<b>Men's Union Suits</b> Ecru and white mesh, long and short sleeves, ankle length, closedrotch. An extra value, each..... 48c

**Cedar Oil Mops**  
Triangle shape, yellow yarn oil polish mop, 4 foot handle. Destroys the dust. A special value at..... 25c

**American Girl C. O. Polish**  
American Girl Cedar Oil Polish. 8 oz. screw top can cedar oil, for oil mops, each..... 10c

**Scrub Brushes**  
All kinds of scrub brushes at..... 5c, 10c

**HAND BRUSHES**  
2 for 5c

**Rakes and Hoes**  
12 tooth rake..... 19c  
14 tooth rake..... 29c  
12 tooth crucible steel rake..... 59c  
Hoes at..... 19c and 39c

## CITY CONSIDERING OIL FOR THE BOULEVARD

Property Owners on Boulevard Ask Them to Aid in the Oiling of their Thoroughfare

**J. P. SANFORD NIGHT POLICE**  
Alleys Downtown Will Be Cleaned—Ordinance Passes to Increase Salary of Night Police

The Council met in regular session Monday night with every member present. Mayor J. F. Harrison presided.

The matter of oiling the Boulevard was given due consideration. C. F. Clark was present and spoke for the property owners on Boulevard. He stated that the property owners on \$400 toward oiling it if the city would aid them by giving \$200. This matter will be taken up Friday night by the council. Messrs. Potts and Johnson of the committee that went to Moberly a few days ago to investigate the conditions of the oiled roads there made a report to the council.

Fire chief V. F. Morris made his annual report. He reported that the fire department had answered 36 alarms during the last year. There were 24 fires that caused a property loss of approximately \$20,000. In 12 cases when they were called out their services were not needed.

D. C. Owens asked that the Council take action in changing the branch along his property. He agreed to assist them if they would. The matter was referred to the street and alley committee.

Bills to the amount of \$144.05 were received and allowed.

The matter of buying a city team was given consideration.

The city marshal was instructed to go through the alleys in the business section of the town and have the property owners remove all rubbish and filth.

Two ordinances providing for an increase in the salary of the night police and the city engineer were adopted. The night police will receive \$50 per month and the city engineer will receive five dollars a day when in actual service and an annual salary of \$60.

After the ordinance had been adopted.

## NEW HOME.

ed R. S. McKinney was appointed city engineer and J. P. Sanford was appointed night police.

**K. P. Delegates Elected**  
Mexico Knights of Pythias elected to the Sixth District Pythian meeting in Huntville May 9: T. L. Marshall, C. P. Malone, Sam Duncan, B. F. Haskell, J. E. Lawrence, J. W. Buffington, L. D. Penney and Edgar Clark.

**Cuckoo Chick Feed.**  
Patronize home industries and home farmers by using Cuckoo Chick Feed. For Sale by all grocers. Manufactured by Wm. Pollock Mill & Elevator Co. dwtl

**Railroads in Missouri** last year killed 232 people.

**Mrs. Ernest Garrett** is home from a visit in Kansas City.

**W. C. Barclay** who has been quite ill is about the same.

**C. D. Wilson** and wife visited John Dixon and wife Saturday night and Sunday.—Al Wilson and wife were guests of Emmet Davenport and family Sunday.—Mrs. Minnie Wilson is recovering part of her house.—C. H. Dickey has laid in a fine lot of fruit trees. Charles thinks raising is cheaper than buying. Hope he will have good luck.—T. K. Dolans and wife and daughter, Miss Grace and Mrs. Harvey Stuart, were the guests of W. T. Chick and family Sunday.

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